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# New ICSBEP Evaluations

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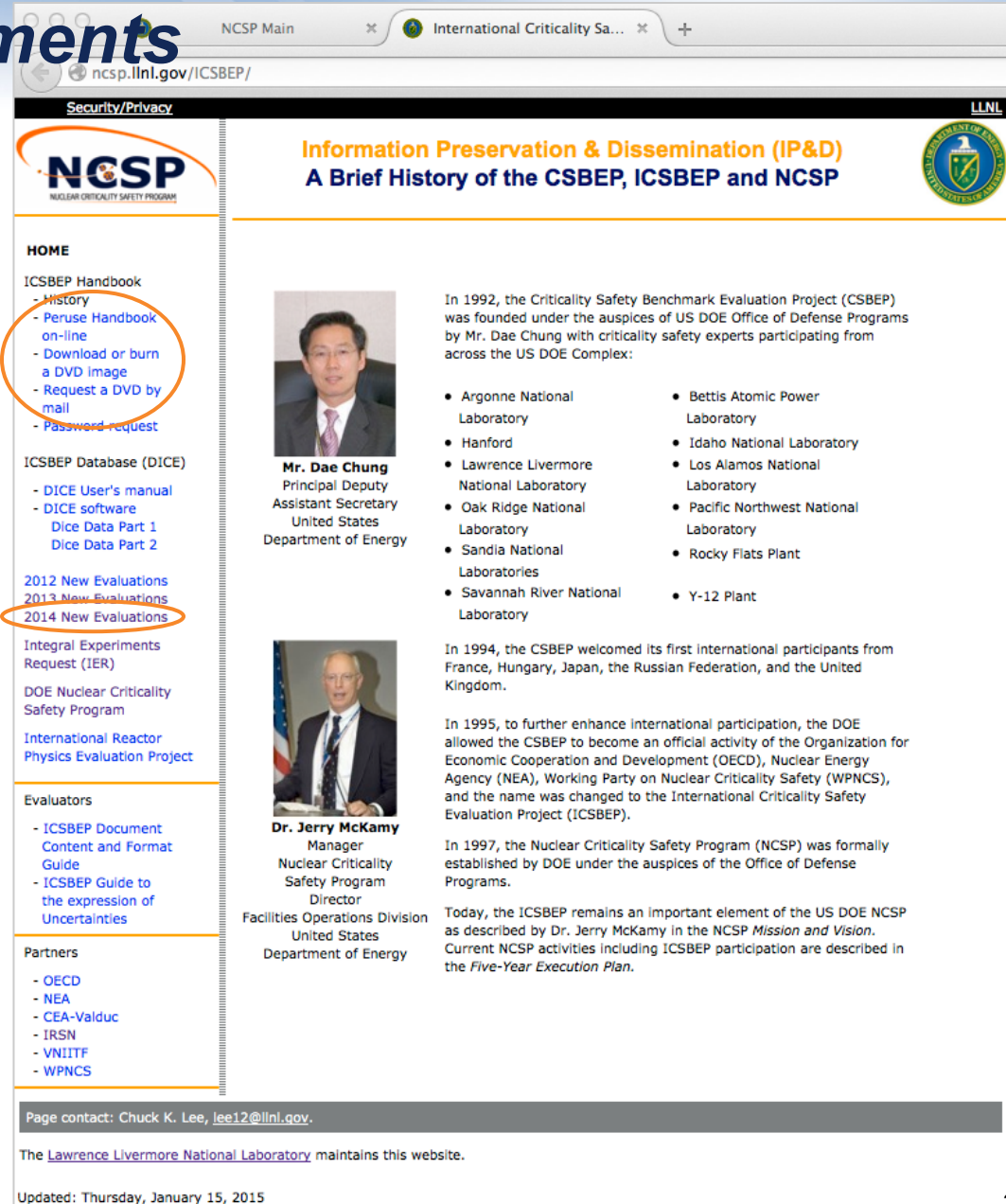
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# ***Outline***

- FY-2014 accomplishments
- FY-2015 work in progress
- FY-2016 plans

# FY2014 Accomplishments

- Updated on-line and down-loadable handbook versions
- Obtained DVDs from OECD which were mailed to all NCSP users (no need to re-request)
- DVDs contain DICE (requested by several NCSP users)
- 2014 New Evaluations identified for user convenience



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SUBCRITICAL MEASUREMENTS**

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**Completed ICSBEP 2014 Publication Evaluations**

Evaluation #	Title
<a href="#">FUND-NCERC-PU-HE3-MULT-001</a> 10.6MB.pdf September, 2014 <b>IER-161</b>	NICKEL-REFLECTED PLUTONIUM-METAL-SPHERE SUBCRITICAL MEASUREMENTS
<a href="#">PU-MET-INTER-003</a> 3.3MB.pdf September, 2014 <b>IER-215</b>	ZPR-3 ASSEMBLY 58: A CYLINDRICAL ASSEMBLY OF PLUTONIUM METAL AND GRAPHITE WITH A THICK DEPLETED URANIUM REFLECTOR
<a href="#">PU-MET-INTER-004</a> 3.2MB.pdf September, 2014 <b>IER-221</b>	ZPR-3 ASSEMBLY 59: A CYLINDRICAL ASSEMBLY OF PLUTONIUM METAL AND GRAPHITE WITH A THICK LEAD REFLECTOR
<a href="#">MIX-MISC-THERM-007</a> 13.6MB.pdf September, 2014	ARRAYS OF UO <sub>2</sub> -PuO <sub>2</sub> PHENIX PINS CONTAINING 26 wt.% OF PLUTONIUM ( <sup>240</sup> Pu/Pu=19 wt.%) NITRATE SOLUTION
<a href="#">SUB-LEU-COMP-THERM-002</a> 9.4MB.pdf September, 2014	SUBCRITICAL LOADING CONFIGURATIONS OF THE IPEN/MB-01 REACTOR

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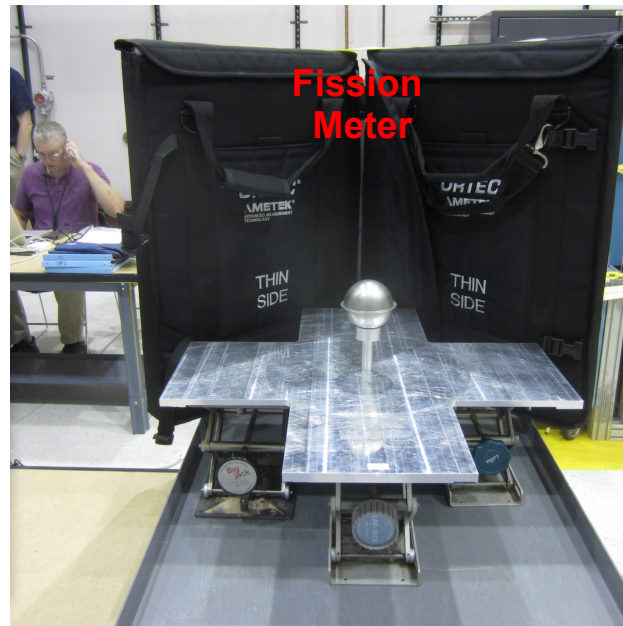
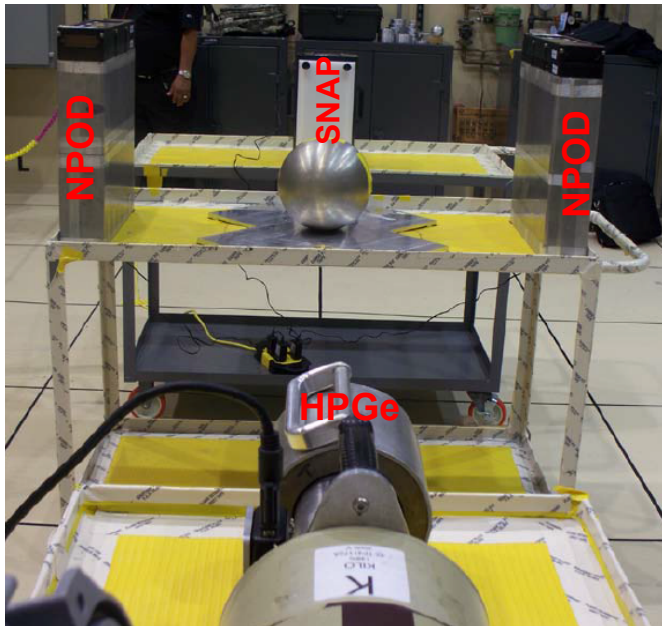
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# ***FUND-NCERC-PU-HE3-MULT-001***

- Nickel-Reflected Plutonium Metal Sphere Subcritical Measurements (IER-161)
- 7 configurations reflected by 0, 1/2", 1", 1.5", 2", 2.5" and 3" of Ni
- Confirmatory measurements and analysis by LLNL (IER-263)



# PU-MET-INTER-003

- ZPR-3 Assembly 58: A Cylindrical Assembly of Plutonium Metal and Graphite with a Thick Depleted Uranium Reflector

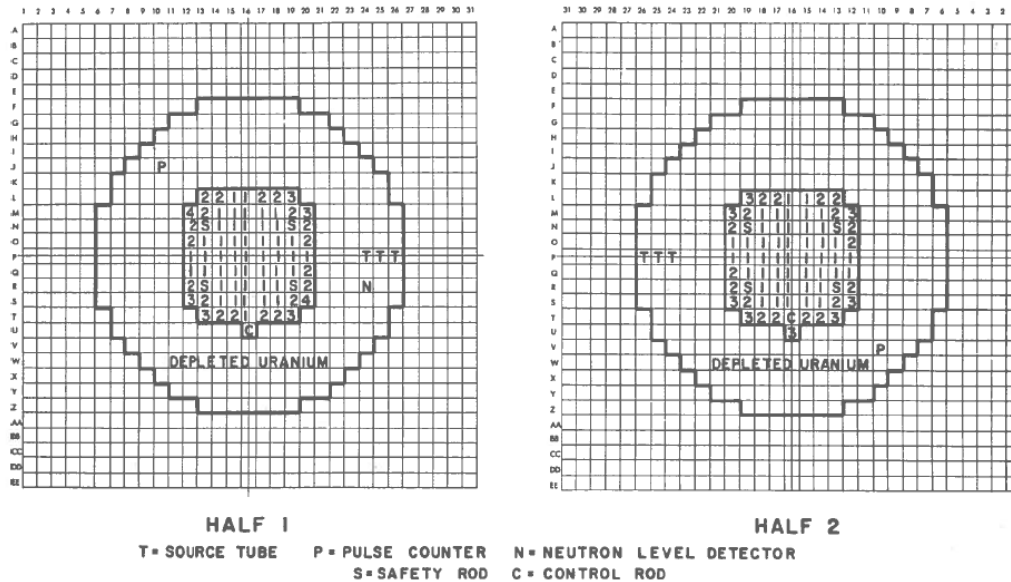


Fig. 2. Reference Core Loading for Assembly 58.  
ANL Neg. No. ID-103-2988.

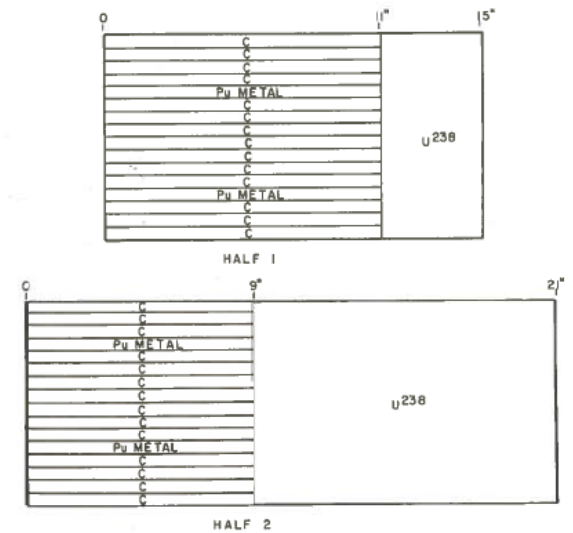


Fig. 1. Core Drawer Loading for Assembly 58.  
ANL Neg. No. ID-103-2990.

Code	XS	As-Built k-eff	RZ Benchmark k-eff	Transformation Bias $\Delta k$ -eff
MCNP5	ENDFB7.1 (NJOY)	1.00357(4)	0.98785(4)	-0.01572(6)
COG11.1	ENDFB7.1 (NJOY)	1.00326(5)	0.98495(3)	-0.01831(6)
COG11.1	ENDFB7.1 (PREPRO)	1.00482(3)	0.98682(3)	-0.01800(4)

Experimental k-eff = 1.0002 +/- 0.0015. Experimental k-eff = 0.9995 +/- 0.0015 when corrected to as-built model.

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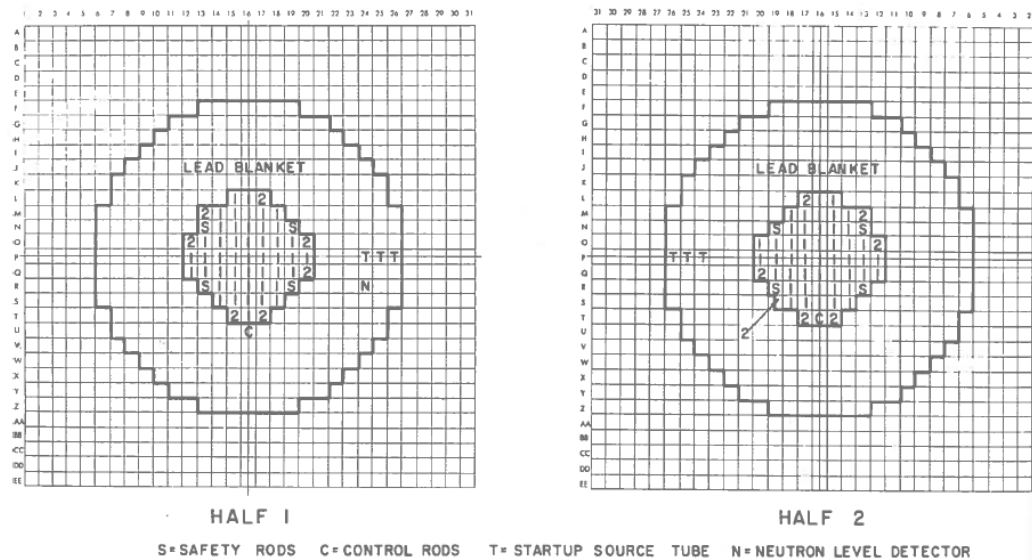


Fig. 3. Reference Core Loading for Assembly 59.  
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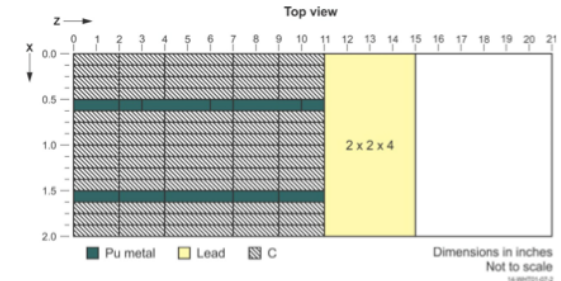


Figure 1-6. Loading Pattern for ZPR-3/59 Normal Core Drawer Master 59-1-100.

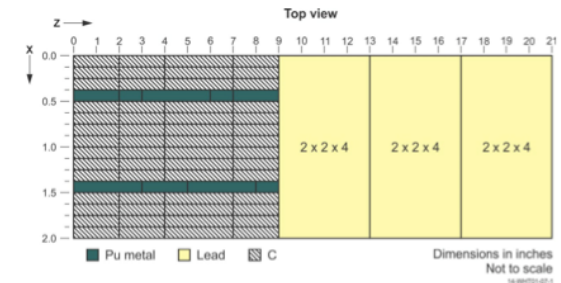


Figure 1-7. Loading Pattern for ZPR-3/59 Normal Drawer Master 59-2-100.

Code	XS	As-Built k-eff	XYZ Benchmark k-eff	Transformation Bias $\Delta k$ -eff
MCNP5	ENDFB7.1 (NJOY)	0.99646(5)	0.97009(5)	-0.02637(7)
COG11.1	ENDFB7.1 (NJOY)	0.99662(7)	0.97039(3)	-0.02623(8)
COG11.1	ENDFB7.1 (PREPRO)	0.99858(5)	0.97250(3)	-0.02608(6)

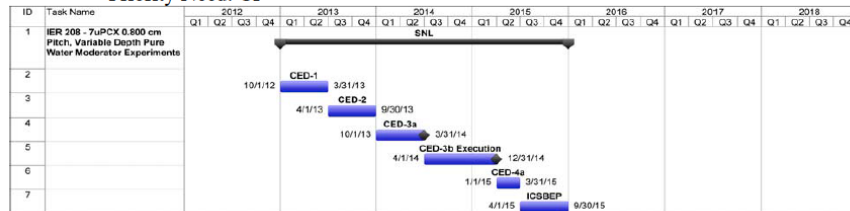
Experimental k-eff = 1.0008 +/- 0.0020. Experimental k-eff = 0.9946 +/- 0.0024 when corrected to as-built model.



# FY2015 Work in Progress

## • Two new NCSP evaluations scheduled for ICSBEP 2015

A-3.2.1 IER 208: 7uPCX 0.800 cm Pitch, Variable Depth Pure Water Moderator Experiments (2013-1r)  
Requestor: Gary A. Harms  
CEDT Lead: Gary A. Harms  
Priority Need: CP



A-4.2.1 IER 126: SILENE Benchmark Measurements for Criticality Accident Alarm System Analyses (2011-1f)  
Requestor: Thomas M. Miller  
Primary Investigator: Thomas M. Miller  
Priority Need: CP



PARTIALLY-REFLECTED WATER-MODERATED SQUARE-PITCHED  
U(6.90)O<sub>2</sub> FUEL ROD LATTICES WITH 0.67 FUEL TO WATER VOLUME  
RATIO (0.800 CM PITCH)

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NEUTRON ACTIVATION AND THERMOLUMINESCENT DETECTOR RESPONSES TO A BARE  
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## ***Plans for FY-2016***

- New NCSP evaluations for FY-2016
  - IER126 (additional configurations)
  - IER151 (NCT #2)
  - IER160 (BeRP/W)
  - Flattop (supports IER252)
  - Class Foils with Lucite (supports ND and T&E)
  - Additional legacy evaluations (if funding available)
- Revisions to published evaluations
  - Reassessment of ZPR-6/10 uncertainties
  - Final Jezebel reevaluation
  - Godiva-IV errors

# Questions?



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